



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE
May 27, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. local time

WHEREAS, Memorial Day has been officially celebrated in this country since May 1868 as a way of honoring and remembering the sacrifices of those brave service men and women who have given their lives in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, in our hectic modern lifestyle, we often don't take the time to remember those who fought and died for our country; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day needs to be made relevant to both present and future generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day, was formally established by an act of Congress to encourage Americans to reclaim the holiday for its original purpose – to honor fellow citizens who died in service to the United States. On December 28, 2000, P.L. 106-579 created the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance to implement this act of national unity; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to observe a state-wide *Moment of Remembrance* on Memorial Day, by pausing and acknowledging the playing of "Taps" at 3:00 p.m., and observing one minute of silence to honor those who have gone before us; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 27, 2002, as a day for all to spend a *Moment of Remembrance*, and I designate 3:00 p.m. as a time to simultaneously pause in an act of national unity, to honor those Americans who gave their lives in securing the blessings of our liberty.

Signed:
John Hoeven
Governor

Attested:
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State